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LANGUAGE OF BASEBALL

DIRECTIONS: Baseball has its own language. It uses tons of words that you may recognize, but when put in baseball context they sound a little funny. We're going to give you 10 baseball words or phrases and define them for you. Then, you're going to fill in the sentences below with the appropriate word or phrase.

CAN OF CORN: A high fly ball that is easy to catch.

CHIN MUSIC: A pitch that is high and inside.

CUP OF COFFEE: A short time spent by a Minor League player in the big leagues.

DISH: Home plate.

DUCKS ON THE POND: When two or three players are on base

HOT CORNER: Third base position.

PICKLE: A rundown.

SMALL BALL: Advancing the runner one base at a time, often with a sacrifice fly or a bunt.

TWINBILL: A doubleheader.

UNCLE CHARLIE: Curveball.

1. The runner was caught in a _____ between first and second base.
2. After a _____ with the Minnesota Twins, the lefty makes the start for the Red Wings tonight.
3. The Buffalo pitcher backed Jake Cave off the plate with a little _____.
4. Today's game has been rained out, the Wings will play a _____ tomorrow.
5. The final out of the inning was recorded on a _____ to center field.
6. The Red Wings used _____ to advance runners into scoring position in the first inning.
7. Wings pitcher Lewis Thorpe used old _____ to strike him out swinging.
8. Alex Rodriguez started his career as a shortstop, but moved to the _____ after signing with the Yankees.
9. After a single moved the runners up a base, Red Wings cleanup hitter Brent Rooker came up to bat with _____.
10. LaMonte Wade steps up to the _____ after hitting a home run in his last at-bat.

BONUS: Look up the following baseball phrases and write down the definition.

GOLDEN SOMBRERO:

HIGH CHEESE:

TEXAS LEAGUER: